

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 512

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jimmy Wilkey of Rhea County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jimmy Wilkey; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wilkey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Rhea County, Mr. Wilkey served his country in the United States Army for twenty-six years; he was part of Operation Desert Storm and retired with the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wilkey served as Rhea County Clerk for twenty-eight years and Rhea County Executive for four years, in which positions he distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wilkey was an active and devout member of New Union Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a mason for fifty-seven years, Mr. Wilkey was a member of Dayton Lodge #512, the Scottish Rite, the Alhambra Shrine, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wilkey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkey enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-five years, Nancy E. Wilkey, and he was the proud father of Greg Wilkey and the treasured grandfather of Leslie Phipps; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his stepmother, Reba Wilkey, and his brothers, Jerry D. Wilkey, Hurley Marsh, and Bill Marsh; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkey was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo Wilkey and Fay Ballard Wilkey, and his brothers, Gary Wilkey and Bob Marsh; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wilkey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jimmy Wilkey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wilkey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.